



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHILD CARE RESOURCE AND REFERRAL CENTER

December 14, 2009

Dear Child Care Professionals:

Thank you for your interest in the Quality Enhancement Awards Program of Montgomery County. We are pleased that so many child care center staff and family child care providers are pursuing professional development opportunities and program accreditation to provide quality child care for our young children. In fact, this fall we had eighty prospective early childhood students apply for scholarships to attend for-credit courses at Montgomery College. Unfortunately, the funding was only sufficient to award forty-three students the scholarships.

Due to the high demand and limited resources for scholarships, the Montgomery County Child Care Resource and Referral Center Advisory Board recommended we collect additional information from applicants to be considered in the selection process. In addition, they approved the following changes to the scholarship selection process:

1. We will no longer accept incomplete applications; these will be returned to the child care professional to complete and resubmit.
2. All complete applications received by the deadline will be reviewed and rated by a committee.
3. Final selection for scholarships will be made based on all the information provided and the identified needs in our community.

Therefore, I encourage you to be sure your application is complete and on time and that you also pursue state and federal funding, as well as private scholarships since we cannot guarantee funding (please see the first page of the application for more information). Enclosed you will find the complete scholarship application. The deadline for the complete application is **5:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 6th, 2010**. If you have questions about the application, contact Jody Burghardt, Professional Development Coordinator at jody.burghardt@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Thank you for your commitment to young children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara M. Warman".

Barbara M. Warman, Executive Director

Cc: Debbie Shepard, Administrator, Early Childhood Services
Nicole Queen, MCCR&RC Advisory Board Chair

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